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## THE PUNITIVE EXPEDITION

Everyone must admit that the punitive expedition in Mexico is a failure. The first order was "catch Villa, dead or alive." The people naturally thought that he would soon be caught. The fact that he is still a free man and can go where he pleases and when he pleases is a reflection on our army. The crime he committed in our soil in all probabilities will not be avenged. Those who do not understand the facts would naturally believe that our army is inefficient. In one sense of the word it is inefficient. With the man at the head of the army who now enjoys the distinction the army is worthless. Just as well have no army. In reality it would seem that Carranza is the head of the U. S. Army. He gave Wilson orders shortly after the Carranza affair to move in no direction except northward. His order has been carried out with the exception of the trip over to Carranza. Yes, as our army is managed today we would be just about as well off without any army. The punitive expedition is a disgrace to our country, to General Funston, General Pershing, and to every man in the expeditionary command. The officers will be blamed. But why not place the blame where it belongs? If Pershing's first order had been left stand Villa would now have been our prisoner and the army would have long since been out of Mexico. General Pershing and his command is absolutely helpless with the orders they are under. It is not the fault of the army but the administration. Major Tompkins' squadron alone would have captured Villa before now had he been left alone by Washington and Mr. Wilson's friendly Carranzistas had not hindered. The Courier believes the United States Army is the most efficient the world has ever seen but its no use. We are not in favor of preparedness under a Wilson. When troops were ordered to go after Villa we thought the president intended to punish him. We have long since changed our opinion. Now we do not believe he ever cared whether the man guilty of the awful crime at Columbus was punished or not, and that the main object was to satisfy the public by sending a so-called punitive expedition into Mexico and then make them powerless by such orders as they have been under since the Carranza incident. Never has the United States Soldier more faithfully discharged his duty than have the members of the punitive expedition but the expedition itself is one of the greatest failures ever heard of in the states.

## ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION

The candidate to be elected president this fall must get 266 of the 531 votes in the electoral college. A progressive paper analyzes the situation from that angle in a clear and convincing fashion, as follows: "It will be generally conceded that the democrats are warranted in expecting to carry Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Those states have a total of 136 electoral votes. That is 136 short of the number needed to give to President Wilson a second term. The needed 130 must come from the states that are counted as doubtful by the dispassionate observers. That would not be so discouraging if the republicans were on an equal basis. The republicans consider themselves justified, and history bears them out, in believing that the following states will be practically certain to be in their column: California, Colorado, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Maine, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin. Those states have 240 electoral votes, or only 26 less than the number needed to elect. The states looked upon as debatable are Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia and Wyoming, with a total of 155 electoral votes. From that list the democrats must get 130 or the republicans 26. If the first lists are correct. It is much easier to figure where the republicans are to get their needed 26 than how the democrats can hope to round up 130 electoral votes in doubtful states."

The prospects of electing a county commissioner from this end of the county are looking brighter every day. Ernst Engendorf is so well known over the county that his opponent already realizes that he has a race and that the chances as they now stand look very favorable to the Columbus candidate. Mr. Engendorf is a man of business ability and is well qualified to fill the position with credit. He understands the problems confronting the people of Luna county and when he takes the oath of office as commissioner in District No. 2 the people all over the county can rest assured that the duties of the office will be attended to in a business like way and without favoritism to any section of the county, and with equal justice to all. The democrats over the county generally have already conceded the election of S. C. Pierce to the office of representative in the legislature. Pierce will have a walk over and the harder T. G. Upton works the worse his defeat will be. S. C. Pierce is a man that makes friends where ever he goes, and has supporters in every section of the county. He will give Luna county a representation in the legislature, something we have never had before. Nothing too good can be said of Ernst Engendorf and S. C. Pierce as citizens and gentlemen, and within the next two years the people of Luna county will be able to make a similar statement in regard to their official record.

Is it possible that a single vote in Columbus will be recorded for Wilson, the man who is indirectly responsible for the murder of our citizens? If the embargo on arms and ammunition had been left on as it was when Wilson went into office the raid would have been impossible. If the president had only used common every day sense in the matter the de facto government would not have been recognized, the result of such recognition being the raiding and burning of American towns and the murdering of United States citizens. Can we who have seen our friends and fellow citizens bathed in their own life's blood as a result of Wilson's policies go to the polls and cast our ballots for him?

Harry V. Whitehill, republican nominee for sheriff of Luna county has become a 100 per cent candidate since the convention. Harry is well known throughout the county and there is no question about his qualifications. He is making headway in his campaign in this part of the county and it is an established fact that so far he has at least an even break with his opponent.

The Courier takes pride in recording the event of the election of our esteemed townsman, J. R. Blair, to the position of chairman of the republican county central committee. The people of republican faith all over the county are pleased to have a man of Mr. Blair's calibre at the head of the organization.

MRS. HERBERE ENTER-  
TAINS W. C. T. U.

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church in Iowa, pledge ourselves to respond to the appeal of our church to combat in every way the vice of intemperance—to practice total abstinence ourselves and lovingly and earnestly inculcate it on all by word and example." And the Rev. Father J. M. Cleary of New York declared "the authorized public judgment of the Roman Catholic church in this country brands the business of selling intoxicants as a dangerous and sinful business." The saloon is the fruitful source of sin and misery, the direct cause of more vice, sin and irreligion than all other evil causes combined. It is not true that if you let the saloon alone it will let you alone, for the saddest victims of its pitiless power are women and children who never cross its slimy threshold.

An interesting event of the meeting was the arrival of a fine box of cut flowers from California sent to Mrs. A. E. Wright by her friend Mrs. F. C. Sheldon, president of the Army, Navy Branch of the W. C. T. U. of California, who hearing that the soldiers sick in the Cantonment hospital were appreciative of flowers, took this means of showing that California and the W. C. T. U. appreciated what the soldiers were doing for the country.

The members adjourned early and took the blooms to the general ward where by courtesy of the officer in command, Colonel Euclid Frick, they were permitted to see the men and to distribute the flowers, to the very evident pleasure of all.

Mrs. Emma Nelson and her house guest Miss Maud Ballard were guests of the society and assisted in the distribution of the flowers. Mrs. Nelson invited the members of the W. C. T. U. to meet with her at the next session which is to be held next Tuesday. It was suggested that the members carry thimbles and thread and have an informal sewing bee, after the business meeting is over.

## M. E. CHURCH NOTES

The Sunday School was well attended last Sunday morning and the interest marked, but there is still room for you, and we extend you a hearty invitation. The young ladies' class taught by Chaplain Beebe had grown very much but the teacher and members of the class will not be satisfied till all the young ladies of the town are enrolled as members.

The consultation meeting in the interest of the Sunday School held last Monday evening proved to be very profitable and will be repeated at intervals.

The sermon by Rev. Myron O. Beebe at 11 o'clock was greatly enjoyed by the attentive, thoughtful audience that greeted him.

The pie social given by the Ladies Aid Society was well attended and was enjoyed to the "full" by all and especially some. Two things were demonstrated beyond question, that Columbus ladies know how to bake pie, and a Columbus audience can eat it—know a good thing when they see it.

The Epworth League was re-organized last Sunday evening with a full set of officers. Miss Julia S. Norvell, president, Lawrence v. Brown, vice president; George Magnin, 2d vice president; Miss Catherine Long, 3d vice president; Miss Claudia Whittle, 4th vice president and Mrs. A. G. Rallenger secretary and treasurer and Louis J. Grimm organist. The hour of meeting is 6:30 p. m. to which all are invited. The League will give a social Friday evening, to which everybody is invited.

The pastor will preach next Sunday both morning and evening. Come.

It seems almost incredible that within the lifetime of some of us, men and women were bought and sold in free America. It will be as incredible to children now in arms that as highly civilized a country as the U. S. ever tolerated as damning a system as the liquor traffic—took revenue from the debauching of its citizens, the unfitting for military service of its finest sons, the breaking up of homes, and all the rest of the accrued evils that follow in the train of the legalized human butcher shops.

Joseph E. Norvell, Pastor

NEW MEXICO  
STATE NEWS

## COMING EVENTS

Oct. 13-14, Luna County Fair, at Columbus, N. M.

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HUSBAND RESCUED  
DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging  
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave  
Up in Despair. Husband  
Came to Rescue.

Cañon, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without resting, and am doing all my work."

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